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To: Examiner Fred I. Ehichioya - GAU 2162
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Fax No. 571-273-40374

From: G. W. Thielman

Your Ref.: 09/836,386

Our Ref.: 109296

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Comments:

Dear Mr. Ehichioya – enclosed is an Applicant's initiated interview Request Form.

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/836,386 First Named Applicant: Susumu HONMA
 Examiner: Fred Ehichioya Art Unit: 2162 Status of Application: pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) F. I. Ehichioya (2) S. Alam
 (3) G. W. Thielman (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: Jan 2005 Proposed Time: (TBD) (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc) | Claims / Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) <u>\$103 Rej</u> | <u>1-12</u> | <u>Shimotsuji, Smith</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Proposed Amendment: —extracting conditions input means... of the plural data input forms, the condition being one of a specific character string and a plurality of specific character strings with at least one conjunction; and — for claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 12

Shimotsuji and Smith both lack means for extracting conditions input, and in particular wherein the condition includes one or more character strings and appropriate logical operands (e.g., conjunctions).

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

 (Examiner/SPE Signature)